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BACKLOG OF RESERVED VACANCIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'backlog/carried forward vacancies' reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs'are required to be treated as a 'separate and distinct group' as provided under Article 16(4) B of the Constitution to overcome 50% ceiling limit on vacancies to be reserved in a year;

(b) if so, the backlog/carried forward vacancies' ascertained as per para 5 of the DOP&TO M No. 36012/2/96-Estt.(Res.)dated July 2, 1997 in respect of SCs, STs and OBCsin Group A, B, C andD categories of services as on August 29,1997 in the Ministry of Railways when Special Recruitment Drives etc. meant for filling such vacancies were stopped;

(c) the vacancies carried forward during the last three years and those which remain unfilled; and

(d) the fresh vacancies/posts accrued to reserved classes in all categories of posts during the last four years as per 'post based rosters'?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) In pursuance of Constitution(Eighty First Amendment) Act, 2000, necessary instructions in respect of SCs/STs were received from the nodal Ministry i.e Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions(DOP&T)vide its O.M. No. 36012/5/97-Estt.(Res.)Vol.II dt. 20.7.2000. However, there are no policy instructions in this regard in respect of vacancies reserved for OBCs.

(b) & (c) On receipt of DOP&T's above mentioned instructions, necessary action has been taken to fill up the backlog/carried forward vacancies of SCs/STs assessed/existing as on 30.6.2000 which includes the shortfalls/carried forward vacancies of SCs/STs of the preceding three years also, through Special Recruitment Drive. As per the assessment, the following shortfalls have been identified in the said recruitment drive in Group 'C' & 'Gr. 'D:-

Group	'C'		Group 'D'	
SC	ST		SC	ST
1340	1058		1707	2327

(d) The vacancies reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs (including fresh accrual) for the last four years i.e. ending 31st Dec. 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 in recruitment categories is given below:-

Years	vacancies of SCs/STs/OBCs reserved			
	Gr. A	Gr.B	Gr.C	Gr.D
1996	SC	37	1	1897	1899
	ST	18	nil	1120	1452
	OBC	133	nil	4574	3364
1997	SC	47	1	1753	3122

	ST	23	1	1146	1712
	OBC	100	2	4445	5017
1998	SC	91	1	1917	2131
	ST	47	1	1085	1480
	OBC	173	2	2587	2333
1999	SC	59	4	2050	1336
	ST	26	1	966	420
	OBCs	123	2	3702	3585